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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, EMIN, EIND

SUBJECT: BAUXITE NEGOTIATIONS WITH ALCOA

REF: STATE 151562

1. APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE REFTEL.

2. THIS MORNING'S PRESS REPORTED JAMAICAN PRIME MINISTER MANLEY'S STATEMENT AT SANTO DOMINGO AIRPORT OVER WEEKEND URGING DOMREP TO ENTER INTERNATIONAL BAUXITE ASSOCIATION. (AS FAR AS WE ABLE TO ASCERTAIN MANLEY LANDED HERE IN SMALL PRIVATE PLANE FOR RE-FUELING STOP. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE AND SECRETARY).

3. MANLEY'S UNHELPFUL STATEMENT, HUGHSON'S FAILURE AS OF THIS MORNING TO OBTAIN AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER AND THE PROSPECT OF THE DOMINICAN LEGISLATURE MEETING AGAIN TOMORROW LED ME TO CONSIDER SCRAPPING MY ORIGINAL PLAN AND SEEK AN IMMEDIATE APPOINTMENT WITH BALAGUER BEFORE WE WERE CONFRONTED WITH A FAIT ACCOMPLI. HOWEVER, ALCOA REP HUGHSON INFORMED ME THIS AFTERNOON THAT PRESIDENT'S OFFICE HAD JUST TOLD HIM THAT INABILITY TO SET APPOINTMENT SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE INTERPRETED AS LACK OF INTEREST ON PRESIDENT BALAGUER'S PART IN SEEING HUGHSON. HUGHSON SAID THAT HE HAD ALSO LEARNED
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THAT DOMINICAN LEGISLATURE WILL NOT MEET THIS WEEK. IN LIGHT

OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS I PREFER TO AWAIT OUTCOME OF HUGHSON'S
MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH DEMMCHE.
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